

The reason why corporate ownership expanding to take over the PUBLIC AIRWAVES threatens democracy is for this exact example of a HUGE corporation expressing their political perspective as NEWS. This biased non-factual documentary by individuals aligned with Bush is appalling. Of course if they were to air "Going Upriver" in this same time period it would be balanced and fair... but neither are news. It is appalling that the FCC can move so quickly and take such action against a wardrobe malfunction but do nothing when democracy is threatened. Would you have allowed George Soros to own such companies and air Fahrenheit 911 as news before an election????? I doubt it. I am appalled, saddened and realise once again that this is why money and corruption does not look after the commons of we the People.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.